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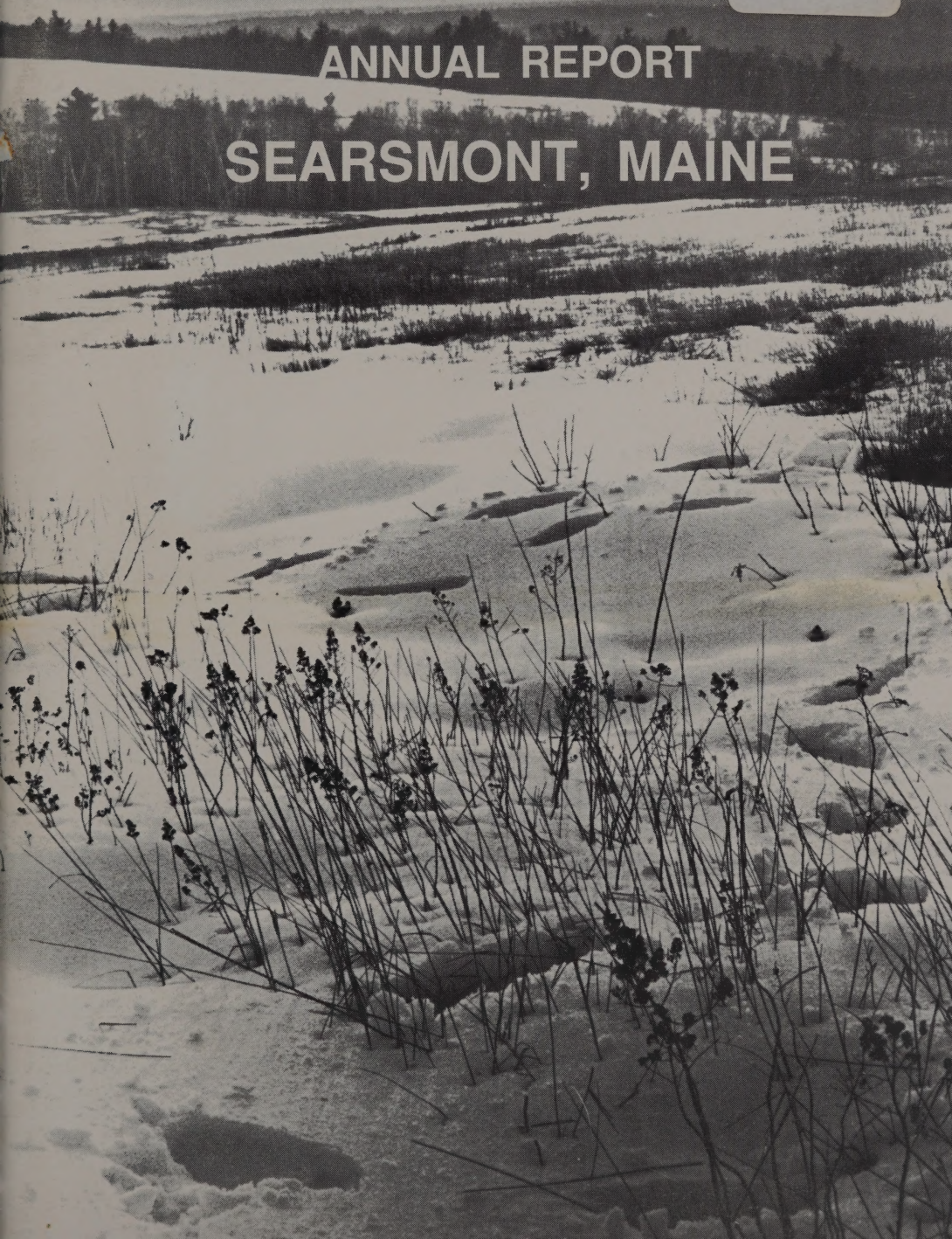
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ANNUAL REPORT
SEARSMONT, MAINE



ASSESSORS' NOTICE

The Assessors of Searsmont
will be in session
on Saturday, April 1, 1989
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
for the purpose of
correcting and updating assessment records.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
TOWN OF SEARSMONT
MAINE
1988

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor*

John H. Thorne+

Arthur D. Albin+

Bonnie Maguire+

Assessors*

John H. Thorne (90)

Bruce E. Brierley (91)

Milton Daggett (89)+

Treasurer*

Claudia R. Lewis+

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Claudia R. Lewis+

Deputy — Deborah Palilunas

M.S.A.D. #34 Director

Jenness Robbins (89)+

Superintendent

Dr. S. Reed Payne

Health Officer@

Rolande Johnstone+

Fire Department*

Chief — Basil Pearse Jr.+

Assistant Chief — Norman Roberts

District Road Commissioners*

North District — Frederick N. Lucas+

East District — Ronald Fuller Sr.+

South District — Ronald Fuller Sr.+

Constable@

Carroll F. Patten

Assistant Constable@

Frederick R. Cross Sr.

Code Enforcement Officer@

Frederick R. Cross Sr.

Sexton*

Warren Heath III+

Civil Defense Director*

Shirley Roberts+

Registrar of Voters@

Thelma Ratten+

Ballot Clerks@

Frances Gerrish

Ruth Farley

Ellen Bernard

Irene Mehuren

Edna Mae Gould

Edith Shepard

Janice Bennett

Planning Board Members*

Frank Bennett (91)

James Cox (91)

Linda McLaughlin (89)+

Raymond Gould (89)+

Phyllis V. Thorne (90)

Bruce Brierley (90)

Parks and Recreation Committee@

Linda Leahy Walton+

M. Kathryn Sweetland+

Darlene Fuller+

Claudia R. Lewis+

Jeannie Gerrish+

Cemetery Committee*

Jane K. Robson (90)

Mary Jane Glidden (91)

Dorothea Ferbrache (89)+

Warren Heath III (89)+

Edith Shepard (89)+

Licensed Plumbing Inspector@

Raymond Gould Telephone 342-5916

Representative to the Legislature

Walter Whitcomb

1-800-452-4601 (Home) 342-5135

Member of the State Senate

Linda Curtis Brawn

1-800-423-6900 — 289-1505 — (Home) 236-4766

* elected office

@ appointed office

+ term of office ends 1989

TOWN PROPERTY

Old Town Hall Site	\$ 1,500.00
Community Building and Land	40,000.00
Road Machinery	100.00
Three Road Sanders	8,000.00
Three Safes	300.00
Snow Fence	700.00
Office Furniture	600.00
Adding Machine	100.00
Typewriters	1,000.00
Copier	800.00
Fire House and Land	53,000.00
Fire Equipment	40,000.00
Fraternity Park	7,000.00
State of Maine Ruffingham Meadow	15,000.00
Annex to Oak Grove Cemetery	3,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	11,000.00
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	\$182,100.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1988 has brought increased growth to Searsmont requiring changes in priorities and procedures. The Town is experiencing an influx of new residents who strain existing services and facilities, requiring increased funding to maintain current standards.

Most immediately affected is the solid waste disposal. New Federal and State regulations mandate restrictions on burning. We must reduce the amount of waste we burn, trying to segregate and recycle in order to bury the remainder, or face transferring it to an incinerator at greater costs. It is now necessary to pay contractors to remove both tires and white goods.

Despite minimal allocations on road maintenance in 1988 more monies will be necessary to maintain current standards.

A revaluation of the Town is underway by the Maine Evaluation Consultants and should be completed by spring 1990.

The Town was approached by several companies interested in introducing cable TV to this area. Despite a positive response we have not received any concrete proposals.

With the adjustment of services and implementation of new policies the Town has met the new challenges and faces the future strengthened in its resolve to move forward and maximize the opportunities presented by growth to its benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Thorne

Arthur D. Albin

Bonnie A. Maguire

Selectmen

Town of Searsmont

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT**Town Administration**

Raised		\$4,000.00
Distribution:		
Continental Telephone of Maine	526.29	
J.A. Black Co.	881.00	
The Waldo Independent	111.90	
Transco	149.76	
Claudia R. Lewis	400.99	
Postmaster, Searsmont	468.37	
M.M.T.C.T.A.	10.00	
Marks Printing House	254.76	
Hutchins Brothers	56.64	
Loring, Short & Harmon	28.50	
J.K.S. Copy Printers	124.10	
N.A.D.A.	115.00	
B.O.S.S.	24.21	
Treasurer of State	14.00	
Fox Hill Group	627.22	
I.R.S.	144.10	
Reliable	66.52	
Central Maine Power	22.57	
West Publishing Co.	18.00	
Printing Brokers of Maine	84.00	
Thelma Ratten	9.90	
Registry of Deeds	15.00	
R.C. Securities	40.00	
	<u>\$4,192.83</u>	
Charge to Surplus		<u>\$192.83</u>
		\$4,192.83

Plumbing Permits

Credits:		\$2,544.00
Distribution:		
Raymond Gould	\$1,369.76	
State of Maine	676.38	
	<u>\$2,046.14</u>	
Lapsed to Surplus	497.86	
	<u>\$2,544.00</u>	

Planning Board

Carried:		\$644.00
Credits:		<u>833.00</u>
		\$1,477.00
Distribution:		
E.M.C.P.C.	\$10.50	
Frederick Cross Sr.	158.55	
Republican Journal	31.50	
M.M.A.	36.00	
Claudia R. Lewis	74.35	
John H. Thorne	11.50	
Joy Mehuren	<u>2.22</u>	
	<u>\$324.62</u>	
Carry Balance:	<u>1,152.38</u>	
	1,477.00	

Ambulance

Raised:		\$400.00
Distribution:		
Belfast Ambulance	\$400.00	

Community Building

Raised:		\$820.00
Credits:		<u>1,680.00</u>
		\$2,500.00
Distribution:		
Central Maine Power	\$350.56	
Frontier Oil Company	1,371.06	
Claudia R. Lewis	9.77	
Edith Shepard	140.28	
Belfast Shop 'n Save	8.36	
Viking Lumber Inc.	408.53	
Robbins Lumber Inc.	31.50	
Wentworth's Servistar	3.00	
Sandra Leterneau	133.96	
John H. Thorne	7.21	
Edgar Pert	<u>144.00</u>	
	<u>\$2,608.23</u>	
Lapsed to Surplus	<u>108.23</u>	
	2,500.00	

General Assistance

Carry Balance:	\$1,750.00
Credits:	<u>1,070.00</u>
	\$2,820.00
Distribution:	
Case #1	\$111.00
Case #2	200.00
Case #3	110.00
Case #4	210.00
Case #5	79.34
Case #6	<u>48.25</u>
	\$758.59
Carry Balance	<u>2,061.41</u>
	\$2,820.00

Education — M.S.A.D. #34

Raised:	\$297,344.30
Credits:	<u>1,957.08</u>
	\$299,301.38
Distribution:	
Treasurer	\$297,344.30
Carry Balance:	<u>1,957.08</u>
	\$299,301.38

Emergency Flood Fund

Carried:	\$4,008.00
Distribution:	
Kevin Smith	\$96.15
Ronald Fuller Sr.	1,409.65
Lucas Construction	<u>2,795.47</u>
	\$4,301.27
Lapsed to Surplus	<u>\$293.27</u>
	\$4,301.27

Donations

Raised:	\$5,336.75
Distribution:	
Mid-Coast Mental Health	\$391.00
Searsmont Little League (Park & Rec.)	200.00
Kno-Wal-Lin Health Service	554.00
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	444.00
Educational TV Channel 10	200.00

Community Alcohol Service	469.00
Belfast Area Children's Center	100.00
Belfast-Waldo County Humane Society	50.00
WCCSA — Transportation	450.00
Mid-Coast Human Resources Council	150.00
SNAP	1,000.00
Boy Scouts of America	200.00
WCCSA — Home Energy	331.00
WCCSA — Donated Commodities	97.00
WCCSA — Weatherization	303.00
Diocesan Human Relation Service	288.75
WCCSA — Preventive Health	82.00
WCCSA — Central Heating	27.00
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	\$5,336.75

Tax Collector's Commission

Raised:	\$6,000.00
Distribution:	
Claudia R. Lewis	\$6,374.23
Charge to Surplus	<hr/>
	\$374.23
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	\$6,734.23

Town Officers' Salaries

Raised:	\$12,500.00
Credits:	<hr/>
	209.90
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	\$12,709.90
Distribution:	
Claudia R. Lewis, Treasurer	\$1,000.00
Francis Marsano, Moderator	25.00
Irene Mehuren, Ballot Clerk	85.60
Frances Gerrish, Ballot Clerk	109.25
Claudia R. Lewis, Town Clerk	300.00
John H. Thorne, Selectman	1,800.00
Arthur D. Albin, Selectman	900.00
Bonnie Maguire, Selectman	886.96
John H. Thorne, Assessor	1,773.68
Bruce Brierly, Assessor	886.96
Milton Daggett, Assessor	886.96
Thelma Ratten, Registrar of Voters	400.00
Basil Pearse Jr., Fire Chief	400.00
Norman Roberts, Assistant Fire Chief	200.00
Shirley Roberts, Civil Defense Director	99.28
Rolande Johnstone, Health Officer	180.00

Carroll Patten, Constable	300.00
Frederick Cross, C.E.O.	150.00
Deborah Palilunas, Clerical	138.22
Claudia R. Lewis, Clerical	1,100.00
Claudia R. Lewis, Mileage	8.00
John H. Thorne, Mileage	158.85
Milton Daggett, Mileage	52.00
Gregory Maguire, Ballot Clerk	47.30
Edith Shepard, Ballot Clerk	82.78
Ellen Barnard, Ballot Clerk	51.25
Frederick Cross, Asst. Constable	150.00
Verlesta Wellman, Clerical	79.95
Ruth Farley, Ballot Clerk	51.25
Phyllis Thorne, Ballot Clerk	11.83
Janice Bennett, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Claudia R. Lewis, Ballot Clerk	16.00
John H. Thorne, Election Warden	22.00
Arthur D. Albin, Election Warden	18.00
Thelma Ratten, Ballot Clerk	47.30
Bonnie Maguire, Election Warden	12.00
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	\$12,436.42
Lapsed to Surplus	273.48
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	\$12,709.90

Parks and Recreation

Carried:	\$310.00
Credits:	282.59
Raised:	200.00
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	\$792.59

Distribution:	
Gelo's Queen Bee Greenhouse	\$62.70
Joseph Clothing & Sporting Goods	102.90
Gregory Maguire	22.50
Home Supply Center	31.15
Bill Simone and Associates Inc.	225.75
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	\$445.00
Carry Balance:	347.59
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	\$792.59

Revaluation of Property

Raised:	\$5,000.00
Excise:	15,000.00
Appropriated from Surplus:	<hr/>
	5,000.00

\$25,000.00

Distribution:

Maine Valuation Consultants

\$8,000.00

Carry Balance

17,000.00\$25,000.00**Scholarship**

Credits:

\$400.00

Distribution:

Linda Bartlett

\$400.00

Fire Department Operations

Carry Balance:

\$140.06

Raised:

6,357.94\$6,498.00

Distribution:

Central Maine Power

\$363.56

Frontier Oil Company

762.60

Viking Lumber Inc.

353.07

Coastal Communications

229.92

Leo's Automotive

178.82

Fraternity Village General Store

213.69

Belfast Auto Supply Inc.

44.66

Maine Line Fire Equipment

837.78

Postmaster, Searsmont

6.50

Burleigh's Auto Electric

25.50

Harlan Merrifield

1,350.00

Pearse's Mill

100.00

\$4,466.10

Carry Balance:

2,031.90\$6,498.00**Fire Department Fire Alarm**

Appropriated from Surplus:

\$1,300.00

Distribution:

Continental Telephone of Maine

\$1,125.33

Lapsed to Surplus:

174.67\$1,300.00**Street Lights**

Appropriated from Surplus:

\$1,500.00

Distribution:

Central Maine Power

\$1,424.04

Lapsed to Surplus:

75.96\$1,500.00

Cemetery Operations

Carried	\$2,364.11
Raised:	500.00
Credits:	<u>2,530.40</u>
	\$5,394.51

Distribution:

Perry Davis	\$97.46
Warren Heath Jr.	225.00
Warren Heath III	573.82
Peter Maresh	226.17
Robert Thomas	72.82
Melody Heath	65.41
Ronald Fuller	315.44
Leo's Automotive	3.00
Howard Harvey	132.26
Fraternity Village General Store	19.07
Carl Stevens	142.12
Wallace Heath	<u>42.64</u>
	\$1,915.21

Carry Balance:	<u>3,479.30</u>
	\$5,394.51

Snowmobile Club

Appropriated from Surplus:	\$150.00
Carry Balance:	\$100.00
Lapsed to Surplus:	<u>50.00</u>
	\$150.00

Searsmont Summer Maintenance

Carried:	\$500.00
Distribution:	
Warren Heath III	\$69.64
Peter Maresh	21.07
Howard Harvey	9.96
Edgar Pert	<u>84.00</u>
	\$184.67
Carry Balance:	<u>315.33</u>
	\$500.00

Tax Map Up-Date

Raised:	\$800.00
Distribution:	
Raynold Holmes	\$920.00
Charge to Surplus:	\$120.00

Malne Municipal Association

Raised:		\$808.00
Distribution:	\$808.00	

Interest on Loan

From Surplus:	\$1,000.00	
Distribution:		
Merrill/Fleet Bank	\$2,658.34	
Charge to Surplus:		\$1,658.34
		<hr/> \$2,658.34

Salt Shed

Carried:		\$5,000.00
Excise:		<hr/> 20,000.00
		\$25,000.00
Carry Balance:	\$25,000.00	

Insurance

Raised:		\$9,000.00
Credits:		<hr/> 6.00
		\$9,006.00

Distribution:		
M.M.A.	\$4,186.00	
Campbell, Payson & Noyes	2,909.00	
Johnson and Ladd	<hr/> 1,300.00	
	\$8,395.00	
Lapsed to Surplus:	<hr/> 611.00	

Roads and Bridges

	\$9,006.00	
Carry Balance:		\$3,624.00
Excise:		10,000.00
Raised:		6,376.00
Credits:		<hr/> 338.44
		\$20,338.44

North

Distribution:		
Frederick Lucas	\$2,875.08	
White Sign	17.50	
Marriner's Inc.	1,532.30	
Viking Inc.	694.26	
Arnold Abbott	<hr/> 520.65	
	\$5,639.79	

East

Distribution:	
Ronald Fuller Sr.	\$1,786.87
Marriner's Inc.	1,700.50
Sprowl Brothers, Inc.	85.00
Frederick Cross Sr.	207.00
E.B.S.	2,152.27
White Sign	89.50
Howard Larrabee	120.00
Pat Maresh	22.93
Richard Crockett	110.00
Kevin Smith	125.42
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	\$6,399.49

South

Distribution:	
Ronald Fuller Sr.	\$6,023.50
Marriner's, Inc.	1,872.90
Frederick Cross Sr.	360.00
Pat Maresh	124.64
E.B.S.	818.45
White Sign	19.50
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	\$9,218.99

Total Road and Bridge	\$21,258.27	
Charge to Surplus		\$919.83
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		\$21,258.27

Tarring of Town Roads

D.O.T.	\$18,698.48
Excise:	10,000.00
Appropriated from Surplus	6,770.00
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	\$33,468.48

Distribution:	
Marriner's, Inc.	\$33,011.81
	456.67
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	\$33,468.48

Snow Removal

Carry Balance:	\$31,516.68
Excise:	13,804.72
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	\$45,321.40

Plowing

Distribution:	
Ronald Fuller Sr.	\$6,000.00
Pearse's Mill	6,000.00
Frederick Lucas	5,600.00
T.W. Dick Co. Inc.	1,439.29
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	\$19,039.29

Sandling

Distribution:	
Frederick Lucas	\$5,844.51
Basil Pearse Jr.	2,290.87
Basil Pearse Sr.	648.00
Paul Pearse	2,074.69
Pearse's Mill	3,000.00
W.H. Shurtleff	2,664.23
Lane Supply Company	45.20
Lucas Construction Company	5,707.47
Heirs of Carl Gelo	450.00
Norman Roberts	150.00
Bryant Steel Works Inc.	225.32
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subtotal	\$23,100.29
Snow Removal Total	\$42,139.58
Carry Balance:	3,181.82
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	\$45,321.40

Town Security Patrol

Carry Balance of:	\$376.00
Raised:	350.00
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	\$726.00
Distribution:	
Frederick Cross Sr.	\$307.23
Carroll Patten	179.60
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	\$486.83
Carry Balance:	239.17
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	\$726.00

Stray Dog Account

Carry Balance of:	\$185.26
Credits:	252.00
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Distribution:	\$437.26
Frederick Cross Sr.	\$135.32
Carroll Patten	37.40

Eagle Top Animal Shelter	20.00
Claude F. Clements Animal Shelter	128.00
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	\$320.72
Carry Balance:	116.54
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	\$437.26

Sanitary Landfill

Carry Balance of:	\$1,500.00
Appropriated from Surplus:	1,500.00
Raised:	1,000.00
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	\$4,000.00
Distribution:	
Ronald Fuller Sr.	\$3,322.87
Isaiah Davis Sr.	236.51
Gary Grimmel	4,950.00
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	\$8,509.38
Charge to Surplus:	\$4,509.38
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	\$8,509.38

First Responders

Carry Balance	\$340.00
Raised:	1,160.00
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	\$1,500.00
Distribution:	
Mid-Coast EMS Council	\$298.00
Fraternity Village General Store	12.28
New England Medical Specialties, Inc.	20.00
Dynamed	339.55
Secretary of State	25.00
P.O. Searsmont	6.50
Waldo County General Hospital	27.20
Debby Heath	66.95
Pearse's Mill	100.00
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	\$895.48
Carry Balance:	604.52
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	\$1,500.00

Contingent Account

Appropriated from Surplus		\$ 500.00
Credits		<u>9,307.81</u>
		\$9,807.81
Distribution:		
Claudia R. Lewis	268.30	
Register of Deeds	220.00	
Jeannie Snow	15.54	
J.K.S. Copy Printers	243.12	
Ellen Bernard	392.65	
Postmaster, Searsmont	190.65	
Joy Mehuren	287.15	
Bureau of Employment Security	132.14	
Raymond Gould	36.00	
Ray Holmes	53.38	
Belfast Shop 'n Save	6.21	
Gelo's Queen Bee Greenhouse	10.68	
Linda Bartlett	481.43	
Edith Shepard	13.55	
B.O.S.S.	3.50	
John H. Thorne	12.00	
University of Maine	110.00	
Fleet Bank	200.00	
The Waldo Independent	4.70	
Treasurer of State — Audit	2,500.00	
Home Supply Center	21.62	
I.R.S.	81.84	
Glenn D. Theriault	226.50	
Verlesta Wellman	<u>80.00</u>	
	\$5,590.96	
Lapsed to Surplus	<u>4,216.85</u>	
	\$9,807.81	

ASSESSORS' REPORT

In 1988 we had a large increase in construction of commercial as well as residential property, however, we had an increase in school assessments and county taxes. The municipal requirement went down but overall we had a noticeable increase in our mill rate.

We had 68 parcels put in tree growth which does in effect, transfer the tax liability to other taxpayers.

The Town was assessed at \$24,058,940.00 with a tax rate of 15.3 mills.

Assessment for 1988

County Tax	\$30,114.50
Municipal Appropriations	60,608.89
Education	297,344.30
Overlay	<u>11,746.43</u>
	\$399,814.12
Deductions	
Revenue Sharing	\$23,781.73
Tree Growth	650.47
Education	<u>7,280.14</u>
	\$31,712.34
Commitment — 1988	\$368,101.78

Respectfully submitted,
Assessors of Searsmont
John H. Thorne
Bruce E. Brierley
Milton Daggett

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as per audit 2/1/88	\$72,241.18
Post Office Rent	1,680.00
Sale of tax maps and postage	133.00
1986 Tax Liens paid	3,612.72
1986 Tax Liens Interest and costs	1,495.34
Gun Permit Fees	115.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	149.66
1988 Excise Tax collected	65,070.50
1987 Property Tax collected	20,052.44
1987 Tax interest	1,114.09
Dishonored Check reimbursements	33.00
State Revenue Sharing	29,405.63
Tree Growth Reimbursement	781.69
Dump Stickers Sold	10.50
Money Market and N.O.W. Checking Account Interest	4,813.00
Dog License Fees	252.00
D.O.T. Grants	16,698.50
Copy Machine use	132.15
Cemetery Maintenance Donations	124.50
Building Permit Fees	976.00
30 Day Notice and Certified Notice Charges	65.00
Plumbing Fees	2,401.00
Snowmobile Refund	342.00
Education Grant	1,957.08
Miscellaneous	2,452.24
Personal Tax Payment	14.30
Perpetual Care Interest	2,387.90
Farmland Registration Fee	10.00
*Tax Anticipation Loan	100,000.00
1987 Tax Lien Payments	3,107.48
1987 Tax Lien Costs and Interest	472.20
1988 Property Tax Payments	335,097.55
1988 Property Tax Interest	1,140.90
Total Receipts plus Cash on Hand 2/1/89	<u>\$668,338.55</u>
Total Warrants Paid	\$613,766.64
Service Charges, N.O.W. account	293.10
Dishonored Check Charges	33.00
	<u>\$614,092.74</u>

Summary

Total Receipts plus Cash on Hand 2/1/88	\$668,338.55
Total Disbursements and Charges	614,092.74
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Total on Hand and in bank 2/1/89	\$54,245.81
*Tax Anticipation Note from Fleet Bank May 20, 1988	\$100,000.00
Principal Paid plus Interest November 10, 1988	\$102,658.34

1987 Tax Liens

Allenwood, William	\$244.80
Bennett, Nathaniel	balance of 397.48
Broderick, Steven	672.48
Carter, Heirs of Elmer	368.64
Connor, Heidi Leigh	388.80
Fellow, G. Samuel	384.48
Edgecomb, Benjamin and Nancy	1,643.04
Granger, Heirs of Olive K.	678.24
Granger, Heirs of Olive K.	233.28
Joy, Malcolm and Jean C.	499.68
Leeman, Jerome	144.00
Prescott, Mona	balance of 151.60
Maresh, Anthony Heirs of	633.60
Mauro, Louis and Evelyn S.	216.00
Mussella, Glenn and Karen A.	633.60
Pinto, Carlo and Camilla	33.12
Seekins, Kenneth	balance of 32.40
Trull, Zona	222.08
Walton, William	588.96
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	\$8,166.28

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia R. Lewis

Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births to Searsmont Residents	11
Marriages of Searsmont Residents	10
Burials in Searsmont Cemeteries	7
Deaths of Searsmont Residents	8

Kenneth A. Plaisted	2/1/88
Esther L. Cushman	2/2/88
Frances A. Jackson	5/13/88
Everett J. Morse	7/20/88
Gertrude E. Steele	9/16/88
Franklin Allen Peters	10/17/88
Allan F. Lewis	1/30/89
Milledge H. Cox	1/16/89
Ruth Nixon (summer resident)	

1988 Dog Licenses Sold

Males 77	Spayed females 91
Females 48	Neutered Males 35
	Kennels 1

Fees of dogs incapable of producing young returned to the
Town of Searsmont by the Town Clerk — \$252.00

1989 Dog Licenses

All dog licenses are due and payable January 1, 1989 to the Town Clerk. A current rabies certificate, not over two years old, must be presented. Also, if the animal is incapable of reproducing, a spaying or neutering certificate must be presented.

When a dog becomes six months old, during the year, or if you become the owner or caretaker of a dog during the year, the dog and/or dogs must be licensed within 10 days.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1988 Tax Commitment	\$368,101.78
Cash Collections	335,070.55
Abatements granted, taxes previously paid in full	-- 85.68
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	\$334,984.87
Tax Abatements	1,650.87
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	\$336,635.74
1988 Taxes Receivable	31,466.04
Excise Tax Collected	65,070.50

1988 Taxes Outstanding February 1, 1989

*denoted paid after books closed

*Abbott, Randy S. & Marianne	\$107.10
Allenwood, William	260.10
Bennett, Nathaniel W.	439.11
Bowen, Bradley E.	balance of 500.00
Broderick, Steven & Sherri S.	714.51
Carter, Elmer Heirs of	391.68
Catlin, Wesley A.	639.54
Connor, Heidi Leight	413.10
DeCortin, Gustave	1,972.17
Dyer, Bruce	balance of 151.06
Edgecomb, Benjamin & Nancy	902.70
Framer, Michael	697.68
Fellows, G. Samuel	420.75
Flood, Shannon	524.79
Fraternity Village Store	918.00
Fuller, Donna	436.05
Fuller, Edwin	163.71
Fuller, Glenn	351.90
Fuller, Rodney K.	374.85
Fuller, Russell & Darlene D.	244.80
Gallagher, Carol/Divinsky, Philip	balance of 439.60
Gelo, Carl Heirs of	742.05
Gelo, Carl Heirs of	273.87
Gracie, Stephen	683.91
Granger, Olive K. Heirs of	968.49
Inland Island Builders, Inc.	85.68
Joy, Malcolm & Jean C.	561.51
Kinney, Billy & Rhonda	balance of 113.10

Krueger, Walter M. & Lillian	503.37
Ladd, Leslie E. & Sharon L.	474.30
Leeman, Jerome	153.00
LeSan, Albert	balance of 214.20
Linscott, David and Carol E.	582.93
Littlefield, Andrea Lynn	359.55
Lopata, John J. & Tessa A.	balance of 125.92
Lord, Jeff & Maryann	183.60
Maker, Leonard E.	168.30
Maresh, Anthony F. Heirs of	673.20
Mauro, Louis & Evelyn s.	229.50
McGraw, Robert	214.20
McLaughlin, Bruce & Linda	1,331.10
Mehuren, Darrell E. & Pamela	497.25
Mehuren , James A. & Joy	590.58
Misluk, Peter P., Jr. et al & Pierce, Patricia	321.30
Mitchell, Gilbert A. & Pauline M.	287.64
Moulton, Larry & Madonna	336.60
Mussella, Glenn & Karen A.	673.20
Nickerson, Earl & Bonnie	480.42
Norwood, Paul & Nettie	290.70
Nougaret, Paul	497.25
Palilunas, David J. & Deborah F.	616.59
Parent, Neal & Linda	553.86
Pinto, Carlo & Camilla	35.19
Potvin, Philip & Cynthia	489.60
*Read, Dickie & Crawford, Andrea L.	39.78
Riposta, Pamela C.	578.34
Roberts, Robert F. & Shirley	406.98
Schvertt, Silvano Juan-Carlos & Cheryl	485.01
Seekins, Kenneth	130.05
Sieglen, Sean H. & Elizabeth K.	290.70
Sinclair, Frederick Heirs of	168.30
Smith, Lena	balance of 488.50
Spaulding, Brenda	76.50
Trull, Zona & Richard	660.96
Tullburg, Ove S. & Mary I.A.	307.53
Vinal, William	96.39
Voerman, Arthur Heirs of	307.53
Walton, William Jr., Walton, Linda Leahey	625.77
Warrington, Jessie	286.11
Weggler, Robert	697.68
Winchenback, Karen	balance of 77.65
Yeager, Kenneth & Kathleen	367.20

1987 Taxes

Balance Outstanding February 1, 1988	\$31,298.28
Collected to Date	19,840.32
Abatement	259.20
Overpayment	-- 25.00
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	\$11,223.76

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia R. Lewis
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

This has been an extremely busy year. There has been a marked increase in building permits. Your Board has met twice monthly with many meetings lasting well into the night. We have had some meetings, and much correspondence with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding shoreland zoning ordinances and violations. It appears that State agencies and laws are having more influence on our Town affairs as time goes on, with a great deal more paperwork involved.

The Board has voted to increase fees on permits to cover the increased costs of administration.

Development and building pressures on our Town are continuing and we can see no let-up in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce E. Brierley, Chairman
Linda McLaughlin, Secretary
Raymond Gould
Phyllis Thorne
Frank Bennett
James Cox

SEARSMONT PARKS AND RECREATION

The flower garden at the Community Building was maintained throughout the growing season and has become more established with perennials. A children's swinging gate was purchased late in the fall and will be installed in the vicinity of the swings on the side of the Community Building when weather permits. The swing set at the Fraternity Village Pump will be set up this year. The annual Memorial Day parade was held and flowers were placed at the memorial in the center of town.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of the Parks and
Recreation Committee

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

We met five (5) times during 1988. Three lots were sold in Oak Grove Cemetery. \$10 donations to help with the cost of annual care of cemeteries have been appreciated. \$124.50 has been received.

There is much work to be done — including the repair and/or replacement of fence at East Searsmont (downed by a speeding car).

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothea Ferbrache, Chairman
Jane Robson, Secretary
Mary Glidden
Edith Shepard
Warren Heath

REPORT OF SEARSMONT RESCUE UNIT

1988

We are now in our fourth year of service. Belfast Ambulance was our transporting unit this year as voted by the Townspeople.

Searsmont had 20 recorded runs and many nontransport runs.

At the present time we have four licensed attendants in town. We also have two people in training at this time.

During the week in daytime hours we cannot at this time guarantee that anyone can respond from Searsmont Rescue unit. You may still call the Emergency number and your call will be forwarded to the transporting unit. If someone happens to be in town we will respond. Most all attendants work out of town during the day. We are trying to do our best but we are very low on personnel. Thank you for your support.

Service Chief

Debbie Heath, EMT

U.S. TRUST
UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY
OF NEW YORK
45 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005

September 9, 1988

Town of Searsmont
Board of Selectmen
Searsmont, Maine 04973

Re: Trust Under Will of Madge H. Walker

Gentlemen:

The benefits provided under the Deed of Madge H. Walker consist of free medical care at Waldo County General Hospital and Mid-Maine Medical Center in Belfast and Waterville, respectively. Also provided is scholarship aid at the University of Maine.

Enclosed are memoranda outlining payments made to these institutions from the trust for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1988. Each report itemizes the number of residents in specified towns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anne L. Smith-Ganey
Assistant Vice President

TRUST UNDER DEED OF MADGE H. WALKER

Payments to Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast representing reimbursement of funds expended during the period June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1988 for a total of \$18,184.10.

Town	Recipients	Amounts
Appleton	4	\$ 757.35
Liberty	93	7,059.18
Montville	20	1,479.37
Palermo	4	171.75
Searsmont	82	8,831.99
Washington	None	None
Union	None	None
	Cemetery Care:	125.00
	Balance on hand	
	<u>5/31/88</u>	<u>222.63</u>
	<u>203</u>	<u>\$18,647.27</u>

Payments to Mid-Maine Medical Center in Waterville representing reimbursement of funds expended during period June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1988 for a total of \$18,184.10

Town	Recipients	Amounts
Appoleton	0	None
Liberty	13	\$13,059.24
Montville	0	None
Palermo	5	5,486.26
Searsmont	0	None
Washington	0	None
Union	0	None
	<u>18</u>	<u>\$18,545.50</u>

Payments to the University of Maine at Orono, representing reimbursement of funds expended during the period June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1988 for a total of \$36,368.21.

Distributed Sept. 6, 1988	\$36,368.21
Interest earned	<u>3,251.86</u>
Total Available	<u><u>\$39,620.07</u></u>

Town	Recipient	Amount
Appleton	8	\$10,200.00
Liberty	5	4,900.00
Montville	4	7,200.00
Palermo	10	11,400.00
Searsmont	3	3,700.00
Washington	3	2,200.00
Union	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
	33	\$39,600.00

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
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RODNEY L. SCRIBNER, CPA
STATE AUDITOR

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsmont
Searsmont, Maine

We have examined the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Searsmont, as of and for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1988, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other accounting procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Town's general purpose financial statements do not include the general fixed assets group of accounts, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The effect of this departure is that an incomplete financial presentation results. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known, but would include the cost of all land, buildings and equipment owned by the Town.

The Town has adopted the net budget method for the general fund, which does not conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The net budget method of budgeting and accounting results in dedicated or earmarked funds being recorded in the general fund. Generally accepted accounting principles require that dedicated or earmarked revenues be budgeted and accounted for in special revenue funds and not in the general fund. The amounts that should be removed from the general fund and recorded in special revenue funds are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effects of not recording general fixed assets and not recording dedicated or earmarked revenues in special revenue funds as discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly the financial position of the Town of Searsmont at February 1, 1988, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The accompanying supplemental information is not necessary for a fair presentation of the general purpose financial statements, but is presented per statutory requirements and as additional analytical data. The information has been subjected to the tests and other auditing procedures applied in the examination of the general purpose financial statements mentioned above and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Rodney L. Scribner CPA
State Auditor

June 6, 1988

Exhibit A

TOWN OF SEARSMONT
Combined Balance Sheet — All Fund Types
February 1, 1988

	Gov'tmental Fund Type General	Fiduciary Fund Type Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
			1988	1987
ASSETS				
Cash on Hand and in Bank:				
Demand Deposit	\$72,241.28		\$72,241.18	\$32,552.74
Time Deposit	9,776.55	45,686.73	55,463.28	59,027.72
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00	50.00
Securities		3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Tax Receivable	31,422.98		31,422.98	27,162.65
Tax Liens	3,612.72		3,612.72	5,467.32
Accounts Receivable	140.00		140.00	740.00
TOTAL	117,243.43	49,186.73	166,430.16	128,530.43
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Tax Refunds Payable	27.06		27.06	
Deferred Tax Revenue	27,300.00		27,300.00	26,500.00
Deferred Credits	13,547.27		13,547.27	13,176.77
Total Liabilities	40,874.33		40,874.33	39,676.77
Fund Balance				
Reserved for Endowments		21,966.26	21,966.26	21,966.26
Reserved for Special Reserves	9,776.55		9,776.55	8,861.47
Designated for Subsequent Year's				
Expenditures	59,857.39		59,857.39	25,975.05
Undesignated	6,735.16	27,220.47	33,955.63	32,050.88
Total Fund Balance	76,369.10	49,186.73	125,555.83	88,853.66
TOTAL	117,243.43	49,186.73	166,430.16	128,530.43

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
February 1, 1988

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Searsmont conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units, except that the town does not record the general fixed assets group of accounts and uses the net budget method of budgeting and accounting for the general fund.

A. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the town are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of selfbalancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements.

Governmental Funds

General Fund — The general fund is the general operating fund of the town. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds.

Special Revenue Fund — Special revenue funds are used to account for revenues derived from specific taxes or other earmarked revenue sources, including federal revenue sharing funds.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust Funds — Trust funds are used to account for assets held in trust by the town for others.

B. Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when received in cash except for property tax revenues which are recorded as deferred tax revenues unless collectible within sixty days following the year end. Expenditures, other than interest on longterm debt, are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accrual basis of accounting is followed by nonexpendable trust funds.

C. General Fixed Assets

The town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets. Expenditures for property and equipment are charged against departmental operations whenever such items are purchased.

D. "Memorandum Only" Total Columns

Included on the combined financial statements are total columns captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only for informational purposes. Adjustments to eliminate interfund transactions have not been recorded in arriving at such amounts and the memorandum totals are not intended to fairly present the financial position or results of operations of the Town of Searsmont, taken as a whole.

Additionally, the 1986 totals presented in the "Memorandum Only" columns are included to provide a summarized comparison with comparable 1987 amounts and are not intended to present all information necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

2. Property Tax

The town's property tax for the current year was levied September 14, 1987 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 1987 for all real and personal property located in the town. Taxes were due September 1, 1987 with interest at 9% per month on taxes paid after September 10, 1987.

3. Deferred Tax Revenues

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized to the extent it will be collected within sixty days following the year end.

At February 1, 1988, deferred tax revenues amounted to \$27,300.00 which reflected a decrease of \$800.00 of the prior year's balance.

4. Deferred Credits

Deferred credits represent items received during the current accounting period that are to be used as revenue in the subsequent year. These accounts were as follows at February 1, 1988:

Highway Block Grant	\$ 457.50
State Revenue Sharing	11,742.23
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>1,347.54</u>
Total	<u><u>\$13,456.97</u></u>

5. General Fund Budget

The town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles, on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

6. Designated for Special Reserves

Special reserve accounts for various purposes amounted to \$9,776.55 at February 1, 1988 and were invested in time deposits. The account balances at February 1, 1988 were as follows:

Marriner School	\$1,580.68
New Building	6,160.50
Cemetery Land Purchase	<u>2,035.37</u>
Total	<u><u>\$9,776.55</u></u>

7. Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures

Historically, unexpended departmental balances and/or overdrafts are carried forward to the following year for expenditures. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

At February 1, 1988, the following operating account balances were carried forward:

General Government	\$ 643.10
Public Safety	1,613.02
Public Transportation	44,092.30
Sanitation	1,502.41
Human Services	1,748.65
Leisure Services	313.66
Education	7,280.14
Cemeteries	2,364.11
Unclassified	<u>300.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$59,857.39</u></u>

8. Undesignated General Fund Balance (Surplus)

The undesignated general fund balance reflected a net increase of \$6,614.27 for the current fiscal year as follows:

Balance — Feb. 2, 1987 \$ 120.89

Increase:

Departmental Balances

Lapsed (Net)	\$16,030.69
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Actual Over Estimated

Revenue	<u>1,233.58</u>
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Total Increase	\$17,264.27
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Decrease:

Transfers (Per Town Vote) for —

Interest on Tax Anticipation

Loan	3,300.00
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Dump	3,000.00
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Street Lights	1,800.00
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Emergency Fire Telephone	1,100.00
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Contingent	500.00
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Snowmobile Trails	150.00
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Adjustment — Current Year's

Deferred Tax Revenues	<u>800.00</u>
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Total Decrease	<u>\$10,650.00</u>
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Net Increase	<u>6,614.27</u>
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Balance — Feb. 1, 1988	<u><u>\$6,735.16</u></u>
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9. Trust Funds

Trust funds of \$49,186.73 for various purposes were held in trust by the town. This amount, which represented a principal of \$21,966.26 and unexpended income of \$27,220.47 was invested in time deposits and securities.

10. Overlapping Debt

The town is liable for its proportional share of any defaulted debt issued by entities of which it is a member. The overlapping bonded debt applicable to the town as of February 1, 1988, consists of the following:

Entity	Percentage	Share of bonded Debt Amount
S.A.D. 34	11.68	\$39,128.00
County of Waldo	3.80	<u>19,760.00</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>\$58,888.00</u></u>

11. Major Property Taxpayer

During fiscal year ended February 1, 1988, Robbins Lumber Inc. paid property taxes in the amount of \$55,745, which represents 16.3% of total property tax revenue for the Town.

12. Departmental Operations

Title 30, Section 5253, M.R.S.A. of 1964, as amended, requires that the audit report contain a statement of departmental operations. The revised Exhibit C fulfills this requirement.

13. General

The townspeople authorized the use of excise taxes and unappropriated surplus, for various departmental operations, as well as the appropriation of federal revenue sharing funds for specific purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS . . . The following recommendations are believed worthy of consideration:

General Fixed Assets

We noted that the town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets and does not include a statement of general fixed assets in its financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the town maintain a record of its general fixed assets.

We recommend that the town maintain a record of its general fixed assets. This record should be of a perpetual nature and include at actual cost or historical cost if actual cost is not available, all capital items, land and buildings. Deletions should be at actual or historical cost as a result of sale, trade-in or discard. In addition, a town official should be designated to perform periodic inventory checks to ascertain that the items are accounted for properly and adequately safeguarded.

Net Budget Method of Budgeting and Accounting

We noted that the town has adopted the net budget method of budgeting and accounting, which results in dedicated or earmarked funds being recorded in the general fund. Generally accepted accounting principles require that dedicated or earmarked funds be budgeted and accounted for in special revenue funds and not in the general fund.

We recommend that the town consider adopting the gross method of budgeting and accounting under which dedicated or earmarked funds are recorded in special revenue funds and not the general fund.

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL — GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	Governmental Fund Types					
	General Fund		Special Revenue Funds		Totals (Memo)	
	BUDGET	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavor.)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavor.)
REVENUES:						
Taxes —						
General Property	327,785.26	342,190.66	14,405.40			
Interest and Penalties		6,763.39	6,763.39			
Excise — Motor Vehicles	57,942.00	57,942.00				
Excise — Watercraft		1,128.66	1,128.66			
	385,727.26	408,024.71	22,297.45			
Licenses and Permits						
Building Permits		595.00	595.00			
Dog Licenses		202.00	202.00			
Gun Permits		120.00	120.00			
		917.00	917.00			
Intergovernmental Revenue						
State of Maine —						
Revenue Sharing	23,723.59	23,723.59				
Flood Relief		18,461.00	18,461.00			
Highway Block Grant	13,230.00	13,230.00				
Education Tax Relief Block Grant		5,112.90	5,112.90			
Education Certification						
Block Grant		2,167.24	2,167.24			
Tree Growth Tax		650.47	650.47			
Energy Grant		470.00	470.00			
Snowmobile Registrations		336.00	336.00			
Veteran's Reimbursement		148.62	148.62			
Aircraft Excise		104.92	104.92			
Park Fee Sharing		75.74	75.74			
Business Inventory Tax	29.00	29.00				
	36,982.59	64,509.48	27,526.89			
				29.00	29.00	
				36,982.59	64,509.48	27,526.89

EXCESS OF REVENUES and Other Sources Over (Under) Expendi- tures and Other Uses	(35,825.05)	42,211.69	78,036.74	(7,543.24)	7,543.24	(35,825.05)	34,668.45	70,493.50
FUND BALANCE — 2/2/87		34,957.41			7,543.24		42,500.65	
Increase in Deferred Tax Revenue		(800.00)					(800.00)	
FUND BALANCE — 2/1/88		76,639.10					76,369.10	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN WARRANT

To Carroll F. Patten, a constable of the Town of Searsmont, in the County of Waldo, greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Searsmont, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Elementary School Building in the village in said Town on the 18th day of March A.D., 1989 at 10:00 A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

(The amounts listed were recommended at the Budget Meeting held February 8, 1989.)

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see what wages the Town will vote to pay the following:

- (a) Men and equipment for roads maintenance and snow removal (non-contract)

Department of Transportation Wage Scale

- (b) Snow Plowing and equipment (non-contract)

Above wage scale + 25%

(c) Health Officer	\$180.00
(d) Town Clerk	\$300.00
(e) Town Treasurer	\$1,000.00
(f) Fire Chief	\$400.00
(g) Assistant Fire Chief	\$200.00
(h) Selectman, First	\$1,800.00
Selectman, Second	\$900.00
Selectman, Third	\$900.00
(i) Assessors, First	\$1,800.00
Assessors, Second	\$900.00
Assessors, Third	\$900.00
(j) Registrar of Voters	\$400.00
(k) Civil Defense Director	\$100.00
(l) Constable	\$300.00
(m) Assistant Constable	\$250.00
(n) Code Enforcement Officer	\$250.00
(o) All others	\$4.00-\$6.00 per hour

Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 5. To choose one Assessor for three years.

Art. 6. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

- Art. 7. To establish a single or multiple Road District and choose a District Commissioner for the established district(s).
- Art. 8. To choose a Tax Collector:
(a) To accept bids for the collection fee of taxes.
(b) To choose a collector of taxes from those candidates who have submitted a bid.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will establish a due date for property taxes, owing and unpaid, as of October 1, 1989 or 30 days after the date of the bill, whichever comes later, and charge interest at the rate of 12 percent per year on all taxes paid after that date.
- Art. 10. To choose all other Town Officers
(a) Fire Chief
(b) Sexton
(c) Civil Defense Director
- Art. 11. To choose three members of the Cemetery Committee.
(a) two for three years.
(b) one for one year.
- Art. 12. To choose two members of the Planning Board for three years.
- Art. 13. To choose a School Board Director to M.S.A.D. #34 for three years.
- Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the Road and Bridge Account.
Excise \$10,000.00
Raise 18,000.00
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for tarring or mulching Town roads.
D.O.T. grant \$13,230.00
Excise \$10,000.00
Raise \$16,770.00
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend such sums of money as may be required to carry on the Town affairs from the time the Town books close until the next annual town meeting, such sums to be included in amounts appropriated for the next fiscal year, or take any action relating thereto.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the expenditures in the last fiscal year various accounts, that were over and above the appropriations or take any action thereon.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the following purposes:

(a) Town officers' salaries and mileage	Raise \$17,000.00
(b) Town Administration	Raise \$4,200.00
(c) Tax Collector's Commission	Raise \$6,500.00
(d) Contingent Account	Surplus \$1,000.00
(e) Fire Department Operation	Raise \$4,900.00
	Carry Balance \$2,100.00
(f) Emergency Fire Telephone	Surplus \$1,300.00
(g) Fire Department Men	Carry Balance \$325.00
(h) Street Lights	Surplus \$1,500.00
(i) Snow Removal	Excise tax money
(j) Salt Shed	Carry balance \$25,000.00
	Excise \$5,000.00
(k) Veterans Honor Roll	Carry balance \$300.00
(l) Child Health Clinic Account	Carry balance \$25.00
(m) General Assistance	Carry balance \$1,060.00
(n) Community Building	Raise \$820.00
(o) Cemetery Maintenance	Carry balance \$3,480.00
(p) Parks Summer Maintenance	Carry balance \$300.00
	and Raise \$200.00
(q) Maine Municipal Association Dues	Raise \$950.00
(r) Insurance	Raise \$9,000.00
(s) Interest on Loan	Surplus \$1,000.00
(t) Dump Operations	Surplus \$3,000.00
	Raise \$12,000.00
(u) Town Security Patrols	Carry balance \$240.00
	Raise \$460.00
(v) Tax Map Up-Date	Raise \$1,000.00
(w) Searsmont First Responder Group	Carry balance \$600.00
	Raise \$900.00
(x) Reappraisal of all taxable property	Carry balance \$17,000.00
	Raise \$5,000.00

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Liberty Ambulance Volunteer Service Inc., or the City of Belfast Ambulance for one year, pay a sum of \$500.00 per year as a retainer fee, and vote to raise the fee of \$500.00

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Mid-Coast Mental Health Association \$391.00

- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Kno-Wal-Lin Community Health Service. \$554.00
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Central Maine Area Agency on Aging. \$444.00
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to support Educational TV Station WCBB, Channel 10 \$200.00
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Community Alcohol Service. \$533.00
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Belfast Children's Center. \$100.00
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the support of the Belfast-Waldo County Humane Society. \$50.00
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sum of money for the Transportation Program of the Waldo County Committee for Social Action \$550.00
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Mid-Coast Human Resources Council \$200.00
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Sears-mont Neighborhood Activities Program. \$1,000.00
- Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action Home Energy Assistance Program. \$340.00
- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action Donated Commodities Program. \$81.00
- Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action Weatherization Program. \$181.00
- Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Diocesan Human Relations Service, Inc. \$410.62
- Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action Central Heating and Improvement Program. \$170.00
- Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action Energy Crisis Intervention Program. \$24.00
- Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Y.M.C.A. \$300.00

- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Waldo County Committee for Social Action, Head Start. \$174.00
- Art. 39. To see if the Town will authorize that portion of dog license fees retained by the Town to be used in the Stray Dog Account.
Surplus \$300.00
- Art. 40. To see if the Town will appropriate from surplus a sum of money for the purpose of building and maintaining bridges and trails in Searsmont for snowmobiles Carry balance \$100.00
Surplus \$150.00
- Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to carry a balance of money for Parks and Recreation Committee. \$340.00
Surplus \$160.00
- Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from Alton and Ethel Horton for the Horton lot in LaSalle Gemetery for perpetual care. \$300.00
- Art. 43. To see if the residents of the Town of Searsmont will authorize its Municipal Officers to enter into negotiations to develop and join an INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT with the Towns of *Union, Warren, Washington, Appleton, Somerville, and Liberty*, for the purpose of managing Solid Waste Disposal. The name of such an agreement would be hereby referred to as the TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT. (Note: The results of such negotiations must then be ratified by each member Town prior to any final Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute a quit claim deed for such property provided such property has been assessed as having no significant value to the Town.

John H. Thorne

Arthur B. Albin

Bonnie A. Maguire
Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsmont

A true copy, attest:

Claudia R. Lewis
Town Clerk

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OFFICE HOURS

**Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Municipal Agent
Town Office, Second Floor, Community Building
Telephone: 342-5411**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
First and Third Tuesday of each month	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

SELECTMEN

First Saturday of each month	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
First and Third Tuesday of each month	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

TOWN SANITARY LANDFILL CRIE ROAD

Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Winter Only — Dump will not be open during hours of darkness between November 12 and January 19. The dump will close at 4 p.m.

Wednesday (Summer only) open June 14, 1989 to September 13, 1989 —
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The sanitary landfill has been posted for hunting and in addition according to state law it is illegal to discharge firearms within the landfill site.

PARKING DURING THE WINTER SEASON

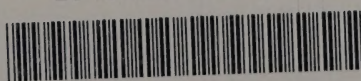
During the snowplowing season it is unlawful to park any vehicle in such a manner that it would interfere with the plowing of snow on a public way.

Telephone Numbers

Fire	342-5140
Constable	342-5809
Sheriff	338-2040
State Police	1-800-452-4664
Town Office	342-5411
Town Clerk	342-5411
Dog Warden	342-5809

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